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Letters to the Editor

Russia's Phony Rage

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

I think most Americans are just about sickened by the abject attitude of this country with regard to the phony Soviet rage over the latest U-2 incident.

How many times did the Russian astronauts over-fly the United States and the lands of our free world allies? Have the Russians given any verbal assurance—much less proof—that their astronauts were not busily photographing as they flew? Since the Russians' manned satellites at times were close enough to the earth reportedly to be visible to the naked eye, there is no doubt that available camera equipment could have been acquiring valuable defense information at that altitude.

What is the difference between espionage by manned aircraft and by manned sputnik? Why was there not even a word of official comment on the obvious military-espionage potential of the Russians' manned satellite achievements despite the fact that a new storm was already brewing over the basing of U-2s in England, and it was inevitable that the Communists would blow this up into a world-wide propaganda issue?

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